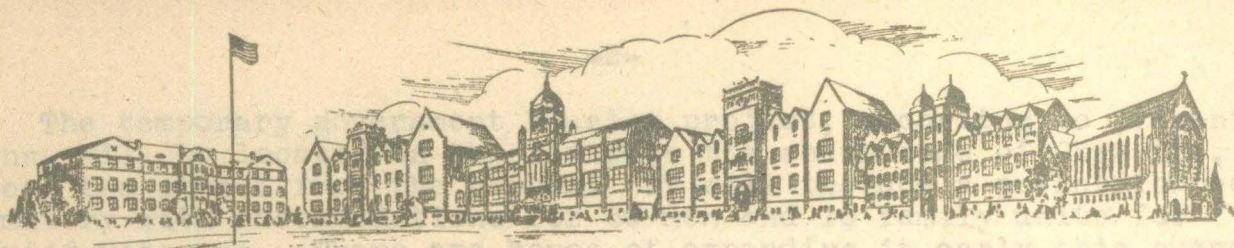


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Dear Fellows:

We held this letter just long enough to tell you about our victory over Gettysburg last night--an accomplishment that was no mean chore inasmuch as Gettysburg had only been defeated once before. Plus that, the game was in their own backyard. But the Mules showed they have what it takes when they set the Bullets back by the score of 67 to 44. If we can beat Valparaiso Saturday night we'll be in stronger than ever.

Last night's victory was the 15th in 16 starts--yes, it is too bad about that Temple game. Since we wrote to you two weeks ago the boys have piled up a record that Muhlenberg men really like to crow about. In the first place, we gave you the wrong dope on the Bucknell game here in Allentown, a typographical error, of course. When Bucknell played here we took them into camp 63 to 45. The following Wednesday we played the University of Pennsylvania in Allentown and licked them 50 to 47. Then came a game with Lehigh in Bethlehem and we set them back 87 to 44. The following night Franklin and Marshall came to Allentown to take an 87 to 34 licking in Rockne Hall. The following Wednesday night Lehigh came to Allentown to wind up on the short end of a 73 to 37 score. Last Saturday night we played Bucknell at Lewisberg and managed to chalk up number 14 by the score of 45 to 39.

Valparaiso comes here this Saturday night; next Wednesday we go to Easton for a return game with Lafayette; Friday, February 15, we play Navy here at home (it's a sellout, sorry); and on the following night, February 16, we meet Villanova in Allentown. On Wednesday, February 20, we play St. Joseph's in Allentown; on the 23rd, Gettysburg in our own backyard; and Monday, February 25, St. Francis in Madison Square Garden. That will be the end of the season.

Talking about playing in our own backyard--the campaign for the new Field House is in high gear here in Allentown. The drive officially got under way on Thursday, January 1, and the teams made their second report yesterday. Up to that time the Allentown area had raised \$161,583 for our College. The local drive extends through next Wednesday and then we begin the alumni meetings in 18 different centers and the mail campaign to reach you fellows who are remote from those centers. Incidentally, the Allentown goal is \$350,000 and the objective for alumni outside of this area is \$150,000. We've got a big job to do, but we have a hunch that Muhlenberg men are going to do it. They, more than anyone else, know how important the Field House is to Muhlenberg. You should be receiving pretty pictures of it in the very near future.

Here on the campus we are reinforcing the seams to keep from bursting when the new term begins March 1. From the looks of things we will have a student body of between 450 and 500 civilians, plus a unit of 150 Navy men. You fellows have done a swell job in referring men to your College and we swell out just a bit more when we hear some of the things you have been telling your friends in service. Thanks for doing a good job. You can count on Muhlenberg to do a good job for the boys you send here.

Here's what we are doing to handle the unprecedented enrollment. We have listed rooms for approximately 150 veterans in private homes not too far from the campus; the government has assigned us some prefabricated housing units to accommodate more right here at home; we're adding to the Faculty so that, in spite of what looks like a record-breaking group, we are set.

TO ITS MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM

The temporary government housing project, according to present plans, will be located on the field on the south side of Chew St., just across the street from the campus. It will include a prefabricated dormitory with accommodations for 60 men and 10 family units for married veterans. There are hopes of expanding it early this summer. We have high hopes of having the project ready for occupancy by the middle of April and until then will house men temporarily in private homes.

According to our current records, 503 Muhlenberg men have been discharged from the armed forces, leaving 1554 of you fellows still in uniform. We suspect, however, that at least some of those 1554 are back in civilian life but haven't told us about it. When you get the next issue of the Alumni Magazine will you check the list of men who have returned to civilian life and help get us on the beam and up to date.

Three of those most recently discharged were in today--T/5 GORDON TREISBACH '37, back from Okinawa; LIEUTENANT ARTHUR WATSON '42, home from the Philippines; and LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID KLINE '31, who spent nearly four years in the Navy Medical Corps at sea and at the Naval Hospital in Key West. LIEUTENANT JOSEPH SCHLEGEL '42, who has spent three and one half years at various assignments in this country, and LIEUTENANT FRANK DePIERRO '42, whose service also was limited to duty in this country, also are civilians once again. DePierro is back on the campus getting his feet on the ground academically before the new semester begins on March 1. Among the other boys who have dropped in recently to see Haps to clear the decks for March 1 is TRACY STORCH '45, who is still convinced that there is no place like Muhlenberg--and he has been around.

With a campaign going on these are busy days and, of necessity, we are out of the office a good bit of the time. Probably that is what accounts for the fact that we haven't seen more of the boys during the past two weeks. When we get that \$500,000 in the bag we'll be able to settle down a bit more and stay in the groove--and by that time John Wagner will be back on the job. For the time being, John and I will be sharing the same office so we'll both get to see you when you drop in.

Incidentally, this summer we are going back to a regular schedule here on the campus. By that I mean that commencement will again be held on the traditional Monday morning (June 24) with baccalaureate on the preceding Sunday, June 23. That means that Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22, will be reserved for alumni activities. We have a hunch it will be the biggest alumni weekend in history. Whether or not it will be THE VICTORY REUNION is still a question, but you can reserve the dates now and plan to head back here for a good old-fashioned Muhlenberg party with more trimmings and more fun than ever before.

Letters from overseas are lighter this week than they have been at any time since we took over this little job a bit more than two years ago. That's a healthy sign, because it means that more and more of the boys are back or on their way back. One of them still away is CAPT. E.M. ERNST '38 who dates his letter from Osaki, Japan. He's in command of his outfit, the 893rd medical company, but is willing to give that up if they let him come home in April as he expects they might. If squatters rights mean anything, LT.(jg) JIM HEMSTREET '45, still sitting tight in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, would be Oki's number one real estate agent. Life, he says, is just about as interesting as an evening of solitaire. BOB KRIMMEL '44 is also getting on more familiar terms with the Japs, still stationed at the Atsugi Air Base at Honshu. By early spring he too hopes to be heading back for the States and he says there is a chance that he and his brother, Blair '43, still out on the West Coast, may be discharged together.

From Shanghai, LT. WILMER CRESSMAN '42 reports that his stay there is rapidly drawing to a close. After that he expects to head north to the island empire that used to be, all of which will give him another excuse for one of his delightful travelogues. Millie is still waiting for him on the West Coast, but from the looks of things will have to wait a little bit longer. CPL. ALLEN TRAINER '43 is a radar mechanic on board the SS MARINE LYNX, a troop transport. His first

trip was to Yokohama and now, if the schedule was followed, he should be on his way to Europe, which ultimately will mean a return to the East Coast. CHAPLAIN BOB NEUMEYER '42, on board the USS CAPE JOHNSON, says his duty is without any reservation the best he has had since going into the Navy.

"I came into the chaplaincy with high hopes and ideals," he wrote. "They were not only met, but surpassed. I have never regretted for one moment my decision to get into this specialized type of ministry. If I were not so much of a civilian at heart, I would seriously consider staying in the Navy."

CAPT. KENNY LAMBERT '39 is still in Germany, but from the way he brags about his two-year-old daughter we suspect he is getting more homesick every day--and who can blame him or any of you. Kitty Hill feels the same way and she's right here. Only trouble is her Art (Hill, you know) is still on Guam. Caught her shopping for a new bed the other day and that must mean that she has inside dope that Artie will soon be home. FRANK WEISKEL'S '40 last letter came from Guam. He arrived at Pearl Harbor a few weeks before Christmas, went from there to the Palmyra Island Navy Air Station, and then to Guam. If all goes well, he should be bound for home sometime next month.

LT. DICK DIVELEY V-44, who is in charge of the Officers' Mess at Camp Lejeune, tells us that LT. SPIKE SELMYER is editor of the camp paper and that LTS. VIDINSKY and QUINN also are busy around the Marine base. MARK R. POTTEIGER '39 has been transferred to Keesler Field, Minn. where he is helping keep records for the supply officer of the medical detachment. CHUCK BURRELL '43, who spent months and more months on Guam, is back in civilian life. GEORGE NITTOLO '44, who also was discharged this month, tells us that he was married on January 26, 1944 to Barbara Thatcher of Somerville and that is where he is now living. LT. JOHN R. KERN '42 is serving as liaison officer of the air forces at the Separation Center at Fort Meade. BILL MACMILLAN '34, who was a lieutenant in the Navy, has returned to civilian life and is living in Louisville, Ky. ENSIGN BOB HOYER V-44 is serving with the St. John's River Group of the Atlantic Fleet at Green Cove Springs, Fla. This is the place at which SGT. HAROLD HELFRICH '44 walked in after more than two years of service in India. He's raring to go as an energetic, enthusiastic Muhlenberg student in the new term beginning March 1. PHIL BLUM '40 reports that he also has been discharged from service and now is living at Ambridge, Pa. Our only WAVE, LT.(jg) GLADYS FRICK, who took her degree in Extension School in 1941, was discharged on November 10 at Washington. When he was placed on inactive duty, ALBERT GIORDANO '43 chose to continue his dental studies at Indiana University as a civilian. SGT. HENRY HARNER '44 keeps busy checking up on the PW's at Merigold, Miss.

Capt. Henry P. Lowenstein, first commanding officer of the V-12 unit here on the campus is back at Kansas City, Mo., planning to send his son, Henry, to Muhlenberg beginning March 1. CAPT. DAVID LUCKS '36 has been transferred from the San Angelo Army Air Field in Texas to Goodfellow field, in the same state. ROY SHUPP '34, who had his share of duty overseas, is in civvies again, living in Pittsburgh. Also a private citizen, Navy LT. BOB LORISH '41 is planning to return to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to complete the work necessary for his Ph.D. degree. At long last we had a few lines from JOE SHANOSKY '43, who has completed his tour of duty on the USS TRUTTA and who now is assigned to the gunship at the New London, Conn. submarine base.

The ladies of the Auxiliary (yes, they still are on the ball helping us get out these letters) are working hard this week raising part of the \$500,000 for the new Field House. We'll give them a break, therefore, and cut this to three pages so that they can get out and dig up more of the green stuff.

These letters will keep on coming just as long as you fellows are in there--so keep the news coming to us so that we can pass it along. Best of luck, and here's hoping we'll see you soon.

Sincerely,

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